GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – M.A. & U.D. Dept. – Allegations of fraudulent issuance of approved layout plans/building permits without approved layout plots in Gudivada Municipality – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Gudivada Municipality (now retired) – Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved – Penalty of withholding 3% pension for five (5) years – Imposed - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1422 **Dated: 04-12-2025**

Read the following:-

1. G.A. (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.38, dated 29.04.2021.
2. G.O.Ms.No.142 & G.O.Rt.No.666, MA&UD (Vig.II-1) Dept., dated 29.11.2021.
3. Written statement of defence of Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Gudivada Municipality dated 28.03.2022.
4. G.O.Rt.No.348 & 349, MA & UD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 30.05.2022.
5. G.O.Rt.No.796, MA & UD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 25.10.2022.
6. From Sri G. Subba Reddy, Zonal Deputy Director & Inquiry Officer, APCRDA Lr.Rc.No.MAU61-DPGNT/OTHY/191/2023, dated 09.10.2023 (receive through DTCP).
7. Govt. Memo.No.1500451/Vig.II/2021/A1, dated 13.02.2024.
8. From Sri G. Subba Reddy, Zonal Deputy Director & Inquiry Officer Lr.Rc.No.MAU61-DPGNT/OTHY/191/2023, dated 28.03.2025 (received through DTCP Lr.Roc.No.6495/2021/V.Cell, dated 14.04.2025).
9. Govt. Memo.No.1500451/Vig.II/2021/A1, dated 02.06.2025.
10. From the DTCP, A.P., Lr.Roc.No.6495/2021/V.Cell, dated 15.07.2025.
11. Govt. Memo.No.1500451/Vig.II/2021/A1, dated 18-10-2025.
12. Representation of Sri M. Seshagiri Rao (Retd.), dated 05.11.2025 received through DTCP, AP Lr.Roc.No.6495/2021/V.Cell, dated 13.11.2025.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, based on the Vigilance Report 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Gudivada Municipality (now retired), for irregularities in issuing approved layout plans/building permits without approved layout plots, and Articles of Charges was framed and communicated vide reference 2nd read above.

2. Whereas, the charged officer submitted his written statement of defence in reference 3rd read above, denying the charges.

3. Whereas, vide reference 4th read above, Sri G. Subba Reddy, Zonal Deputy Director, APCRDA, was appointed as Inquiring Authority, and Sri M. Ranga Prasad, ADTP, APCRDA, was appointed as Presenting Officer to conduct a regular inquiry into the articles of charge framed against the above officer. Subsequently, in reference 5th read above, Sri Y. Rambabu, ADTP, Gudivada Municipality, was appointed as Presenting Officer in place of Sri M. Ranga Prasad.

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4. Whereas, the Inquiring Authority submitted his Inquiry Report vide reference 6th read above with findings. After examination, the report was remitted back, vide reference 7th read above, to the Inquiring Authority, to review the records, the defence of the Charged Officers and the remarks of the Presenting Officer, and to provide his findings as per the established procedure. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the revised Inquiry Report, concluding that all charges framed against Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer are held proved.

5. Whereas, Government, upon careful examination of the revised Inquiry Report, accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority.

6. Whereas, a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to the charged officer as required under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 9th read above, calling for representation within 15 days. The DTCP, AP, in reference 10th read above, has confirmed delivery of the Inquiry Report on 26.06.2025 via speed post and reported that no written representation has been received from the Charged Officer. Therefore, it is construed that Sri M. Seshagiri Rao has no explanation to offer on the findings of the Inquiring Authority.

7. Whereas, Government, after examining the material on record, provisionally, decided to impose the penalty of withholding 3% of pension for a period of five (5) years under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, and accordingly issued a Show Cause Notice to Sri M. Seshagiri Rao (Retired) for making representation, if any, against the proposed penalty, vide reference 11th read above.

8. Whereas, in reference 12th read above Sri M. Seshagiri Rao (Retd.) has submitted his representation dated 05.11.2025 requesting to drop further action.

9. Whereas, Government have examined the representation and found that no new material or grounds were furnished to reconsider the provisional decision. Accordingly, decided to impose the penalty of 3% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Gudivada Municipality (now retired).

10. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, Government hereby imposes the penalty of withholding 3% of pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Gudivada Municipality (now retired), with immediate effect.

11. The Director of Town & Country Planning, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, shall take necessary action and recover the penalty amount from the monthly pension of the retired officer as per rules.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M. Seshagiri Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Gudivada Municipality (now retired), through the Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, Gudivada Municipality.
The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Vijayawada.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (MA&UD)
The PS to Prl. Secy to Govt., MA&UD Dept.
Sf/ Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER